

65 – INDEPENDENT AGENCIES – REGULATORY

407 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CHAPTER 560 – PUBLICATION AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR RATE CHANGES FILED BY THE CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT

SUMMARY: This rule establishes the public notice requirement for rate changes filed by the Casco Bay Island Transit District.

§ 1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This rule sets forth the requirements for the Casco Bay Island Transit District (CBITD) to notify the public of any changes to its rates and tolls for ferry service between the mainland of Cumberland County and Peaks Island, Great Diamond Island, Little Diamond Island, Long Island, Chebeague Island, or Cliff Island, or between the islands mentioned above which comprise the Casco Bay Island Transit District as defined in 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1501.

§2 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Casco Bay Island Transit District shall give notice to the public of any change to its rates and tolls at least 30 days in advance of the effective date of the changes.

- A. Notice shall be published at least twice in the Portland Press Herald or a similar newspaper of general daily circulation that is distributed in Cumberland County.
- B. Notice shall be posted in a conspicuous location at the mainland ferry terminal, all island ferry terminals, and on each of the vessels used by the District.
- C. The notice shall describe any planned change in CBITD's rates or tolls, the proposed effective date, and how ten or more ratepayers can request, in writing, that the Commission investigate the change in rates or tolls.

§ 3 WAIVER

Upon request of any persons subject to this Chapter or upon its own motion, the Commission may, for good cause, waive any requirement of the Chapter that is not required by statute. The waiver may not be inconsistent with the purposes of this Chapter of Title 35-A. The Commission, the Director of

Technical Analysis, or the presiding officer assigned to a proceeding related to this Chapter may grant the waiver.

BASIS STATEMENT: The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule, Docket No. 2000-556 issued on September 19, 2000. Copies of this Order have been filed with the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, State House Station #18, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S.A. § 5101; P. & S.L. 1981, ch. 22(12).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule was approved as to form and legality by the Attorney General on 09/22/00. It was filed with the Secretary of State on 09/26/00 and will be effective on 10/01/00.